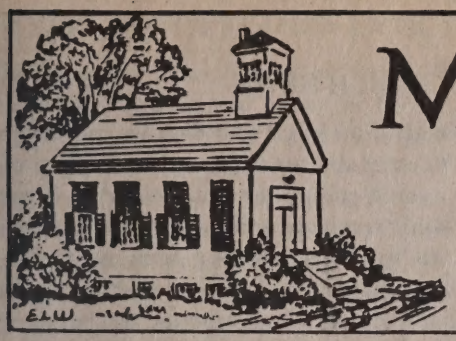

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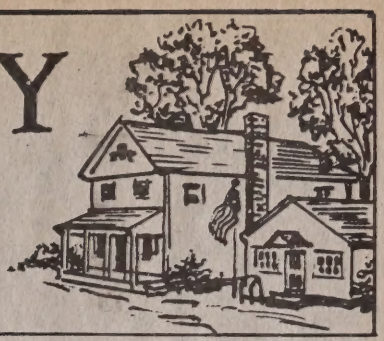

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SEARCH FOR MONTEREY NEWS *EDITOR CONTINUES.*

(See "Letters to the Editor," elsewhere in this issue.)

DIRECTIVES FROM THE MONTEREY LANDOWNERS' ASSOCIATION FOR A SAFE AND ORDERLY HUNTING SEASON

- Shotgun season '85 begins Monday, December 2, and ends Wednesday, December 11. Primitive firearm season runs from December 16 to December 18.
- Association memberships and "No Trespassing" signs at 25¢ each are available from Bill Mielke (528-4515), Lew Scheffey (528-0550), and Benchmark Realty's Monterey office.
- Post signs at "reasonable entry points" and along road frontage, most importantly. Otherwise, around perimeters and along back lines, post signs within eye distance of each other or spray a blast of bright paint on trees between signs.
- Even if your land is not posted, a verbal statement requesting an individual to leave your property will be legally binding.
- If there is a violation of Massachusetts hunting regulations or of trespass laws, here is what you may do:

  Call 800-632-8075 to reach Monterey's Environmental Police Officer (EPO), Joe Lynch. If Joe is not available, another of the six EPOs assigned to Berkshire County will be dispatched.

  Call 442-0512, Berkshire County Communications System, if for some reason your first call gets no response. Officer Tom Kasprzak may be reached through this dispatcher. Officer Craig Scott may be reached through the Great Barrington police dispatcher at 528-0306.

  Call 528-3211 for Monterey police, who can enforce simple trespass laws, laws forbidding discharge of any firearm across or within 150 feet of paved roads, and the law prohibiting possession of a loaded firearm, discharge of a firearm or hunting on the land of another within 500 feet of any dwelling in use except as authorized by the occupant.

  Call 243-0600, Massachusetts State Police, who have the same powers.

  Call (617) 727-3189, if all else fails. It's the Radio Room, Division of Law Enforcement, Boston.

- Remember: Licenses are required by all persons 15 years old and over, must be displayed visibly and must be shown on demand to landowner or lessees. All deer hunters must wear conspicuously on chest, back and head a minimum of 500 square inches of "hunter orange."

  As stated in the Massachusetts Abstracts of the Fish and Wildlife Laws, "a hunting, fishing or trapping license is not a permit to trespass on private land, posted or not." Copies of the Abstracts may be obtained from the Town Clerk.

The Massachusetts Division of Law Enforcement has increased the number of Berkshire County EPOs (formerly called Natural Resource Officers and, before that, Game Wardens) from four to six. In addition, the Department is sending its supervisory personnel to Berkshire County, each with his own cruiser and portable radio, to back up the officers assigned here during shotgun season. At any one time during the season there will be up to twelve officers cruising the county, waiting to respond to calls for help.

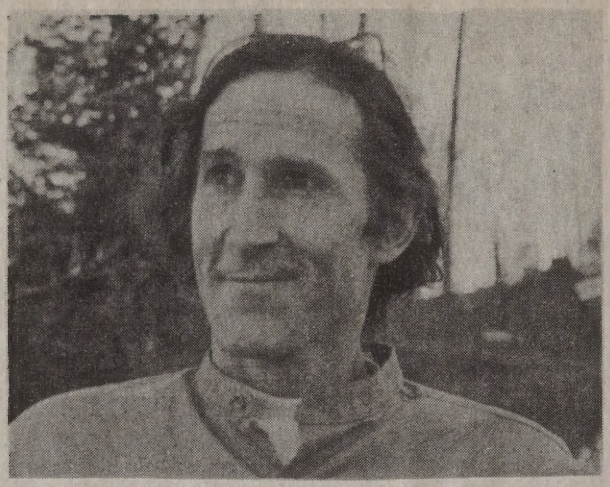
Representative Chris Hodgkins has drafted a brochure which will be distributed throughout the county and handed out at Mass Pike toll booths encouraging hunters to respect the laws and the rights of private citizens. There will be a painted sign at the Lee exit of the Mass Pike with a concise message to the same effect. The sign will be financed by the Berkshire County Sportsmans League and the Monterey Landowners' Association.

Every effort is being made co-operatively by law enforcement officials, private associations and sportsmen to insure that the '85 deer season is safe and satisfying for everybody. An important aspect of this year's approach will be prompt reporting of violations, efficient enforcement of the laws and good follow-through in the courts. We wish everyone a successful hunting season.

BENISON

A blessing, Lord, on all things small and good,
The dusty sparrow, perched within our sight,
The busy squirrel, searching for his food,
The tiny mouse who scampers in the night —
To each safe harbor, and a morrow bright;
A blessing, Lord, on all things small and good.

— Dorothy E. Law
Pittsfield, MA



Steve Maye, Art Editor of the Monterey News

GIFTS FOR CENTRAL AMERICA

School and first-aid supplies are being collected for shipment by the American Friends Service Committee to Nicaragua and to Salvadoran and Guatemalan refugee camps in Honduras. Send Central American children the tools for making pictures, doing sums, or writing poems: pencils, magic markers, notebooks, scissors, masking tape and the like. Or outfit a nurse's cabinet with bandaids, aspirin, towels, toothbrushes, or a thermometer. No books (wrong language!) and no toys, please. Contributions are being assembled at the New Spirit Bookstore through December 15. Checks should be made payable to "AFSC Gifts to Central America" and mailed directly to the AFSC office, 3 Langworthy Road, Northampton, MA 01060.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
Immaculate Conception, Mill River
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship and Regular Meetings

Church school, Sunday at 10:30 during morning worship. Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with childcare at same time in the Social Room. Choir rehearsal Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. Meditation and prayer, 7:30 a.m. in the Social Room. All are invited. Prayer Group, Thursdays, 7:45 p.m. at the home of Lucy Smith.

COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWS

With the retirement of Virgil Brallier this summer, the church community entered a time of transition, questioning, and planning. A search committee was formed to invite an interim minister while receiving applications from interested people who want to be considered for a permanent position.

After several months an interim person to serve in the ministry had not been found, and a new structure was proposed to meet the immediate needs of the church and broader community. A nucleus of seven people emerged from several meetings of older and newer members of the congregation, and formed the Lay Ministry group.

This group has created a model of ministry which draws on the interests and talents of each member as well as eliciting participation from other members of the church and community. The Lay Ministry group plans and prepares each service; one member of the group has chosen to carry out the responsibility of calling on the infirm or elderly who are confined to their homes, hospitals or nursing care facilities.

The schedule of Sunday services for the month of December follows; please note that all services begin at 10:30 a.m. except the special service, December 24.

December 1	First Sunday of Advent/Communion
December 8	Second Sunday of Advent/Hanukkah/ Ecumenical Service. Guest Celebrant: Neil Orenstein
December 15	Third Sunday of Advent
December 22	Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Service
December 24	Christmas Eve—evening service at 7:00 p.m.
December 29	Looking toward Epiphany

We are looking for people who love to sing the songs, carols, and anthems of this season to join us in the choir. Rehearsals are at 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the church. Previous experience is not necessary!

The Lay Ministry members are Joan Boyer, Donald Holmes, Kathie Maye, Stephen Maye, Melissa Moore, and Nancy Rowley.

MONTEREY COUNCIL ON AGING

The Monterey Council on Aging wishes to remind Monterey's elderly to avail themselves of the van service from Monterey to Great Barrington every Tuesday for shopping, etc. This is a nonprofit service for anyone aged 60 and over, operated by Elder Services of Berkshire County. For transportation on vans call 528-4773 between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Also, lunches can be had at the Senior Center. Please make lunch reservations at least two days in advance; call 528-4118 between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

— Edward M. Dunlop, Chairman
Monterey Council on Aging

MONTEREY PRESERVATION LAND TRUST NEWS

On November 2 Eric Roper and Mark Paul hosted a gathering at their Brookmead Farm for Monterey Preservation Land Trust members and twelve interested New Marlborough residents. Bob Thieriot introduced George Wislocki, Director of the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, who led a discussion which touched on the effects of zoning and of land trust activities on the long term disposition of land. Zoning does little more than regulate housing density, but through gifts of land or the sale of development rights and conservation easements, a land trust can preserve open land well suited to agriculture, water resources, or woodlands. George spoke strongly about the benefits of diversity of land organizations in the Berkshires. People interested in land use activity have an unusual number of options from which to choose. Local groups are well tuned to the needs of their particular neighborhoods. A few weeks after this gathering, the New Marlborough people held a meeting to establish a land trust. We wish them well with good confidence.

We met in November to discuss the upcoming membership drive. A person may join the Monterey Preservation Land Trust by paying yearly dues of $5 (minimum individual membership) or as much as you like. We hear remarks about how one would join, but he doesn't own any land. If what you mean by this is that you've reluctant to take on yet another organization hungry for your time, ideas, energy, and money, we can understand that. As for owning land as a prerequisite for land trust membership, it just isn't so. Every land acquisition is preceded and followed by the full efforts of many different people who may or may not own land themselves, but who certainly share a broad and strong conviction that the value of Berkshire land extends well past the contemporary marketplace. We depend on our land not only for revenue, but for food, water, shelter, and the space we all need to live well. It's a resource that deserves careful consideration and use and what binds members of the land trust is their commitment to that care. All are welcome and needed.

We hope to sponsor some outdoor winter activities this season, so once there's snow on the ground watch the news for an invitation to skiers, snowshoers, and lovers of hot chocolate, snowball fights and sledding.

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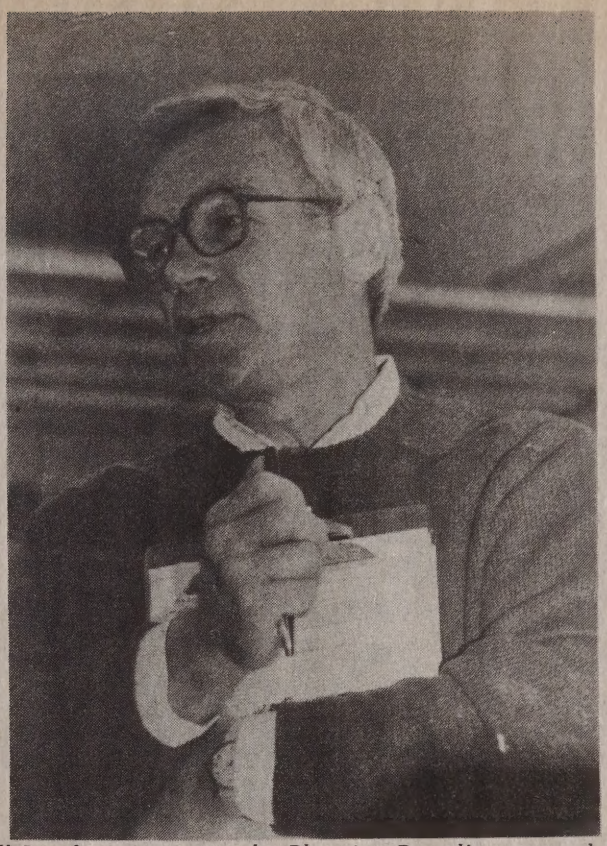


Bill Brockman presents the Planning Board's suggested zoning by-law changes for multiple housing at town meeting on October 30, 1985

SPECIAL PLANNING BOARD MEETING

Planning Board will have a special meeting on Thursday, January 23, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss possible revisions of the current multi-family housing by-laws. The board hopes that all interested members of the community will attend to share their opinions.

PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP FORMED FOR SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE COUNTY

A chapter of Massachusetts Parents Anonymous has been formed recently to serve South Berkshire County. Parents Anonymous is a self-help organization for parents who are concerned about their relationships with their children. Members of the group deal with problems in communication between parents and their children, and special attention is paid to the prevention of abuse within families. Stress, frustration and other factors which may lead to abusive behavior are examined, and new ways of coping with difficult situations are explored.

Ted and Leah Tchack, a Monterey couple with extensive experience in group work, are the sponsors of the group. Anyone wishing further information about Parents Anonymous or about the South Berkshire chapter may call at any time. The number is 528-2909. Absolute confidentiality is guaranteed.

Monterey Kindergarten, October 31, 1985: front row, left to right: Morton Hankey, Morgan Jassen, Bethany Sadlowski, Franklin Kellogg, Lucas Moulton, Joseph Burke. Second row: Eoin Higgins, Justin David, Joseph Vaughan, Jeremy Vallianos (looking over Ian's shoulder), Ian Rodgers, Ellen Hamm. Third row: Megan Pond, Benjamin Scutellaro (almost hidden), John Mulroy, Jim Paul Hankey. Top step: Ernest Beckwith.

YOUTH NEWS

Tiger Cub Scouts

The Tiger Cubs are the youngest group of the Boy Scout family. They include Jason Tanner, Cory Jassen, Mike Mielke and Kevin Ohman. They meet every other week and are progressing on their badge work. A couple of weeks ago they had a Halloween party at Jason Tanner's house. Margy Ohman is the Tiger Cub coordinator.

Cub Scouts

Tom Billard is leading the Cub Scouts this year. The boys have been working on Scout projects. They've been building different things like forts in the woods and have gone on many nature walks. On these hikes, they have been watching a beaver dam and looking closely at the beaver's activities. They have also been learning about different rocks, trees and even insects. The boys in this troop are Jason Smith, Andy Brazie, Larry Davis, Ryan Marchione, Evan Hardcastle, Hugo Billard, Douglas Bush, Shawn Goewey, Michael Mallory, and Tucker Gillooly.

Weebloes

The Weebloes with their leader, Conrad Ohman, have been working on their Engineer's badge and other projects relating to science. Next week they plan to go bowling.

Junior Girl Scout Troop #66

Carol Sadlowski is leading the troop this year, and they are using Parliamentary procedure during their meetings. Each girl will experience all of the officer positions before the year is out. The girls have had a brainstorming session in preparation for choosing the badges they wish to pursue. Mrs. Pamela Gillette has been coming every week during October to help the girls prepare posters for the New Marlboro Grange Halloween Party. Also, Mrs. Gillette has helped the girls in making skeletons from hangers and other Halloween decorations. The troop had a camp-o-ree at the Sadlowski house in November. Sally Kusik from Great Barrington taught the girls how to handle jackknives, how to tie knots, build fires and cook lunch outside. Then they went for a hike and found some vines to swing on. The girls also attended the Hopkins Observatory in Williamstown for their "Sky Show" and a lecture on Halley's Comet. It was very interesting.

They will now start making Christmas ornaments, which they plan to sell. The girls are also planning a bake sale to make some money to help pay for a trip they are planning to take in January to the Boston Science Museum.

NOTES FROM THE LIBRARY

The kindergarten began their program at the library last month. The children visited several movies based on books in the library, and after learning the rules of the library each one was allowed to pick a book to take back to school.

The bookmobile is scheduled to come to Monterey on Wednesday, December 4. Please remember that it is not open to the public until 3:00 p.m., when the library opens.

The bookmobile is one of the two services offered to us by the Western Regional Public Library System that facilitate getting books we don't own because of space and budget limitations. The bookmobile, which operates out of Pittsfield, normally comes every six weeks. At any one time we have several hundred books of all types on loan from the bookmobile, and with each visit we exchange some of those for new ones. This has allowed us to meet the needs of some people for large print books, which would not be possible otherwise. We are also able to create and maintain collections of mysteries, spy stories, and science fiction as well as the normal collections of adult and juvenile fiction and nonfiction. The bookmobile also responds on occasion to requests for specific books, although those requests are often best handled through interlibrary loan, which will be covered next month.

— Mark Makuc

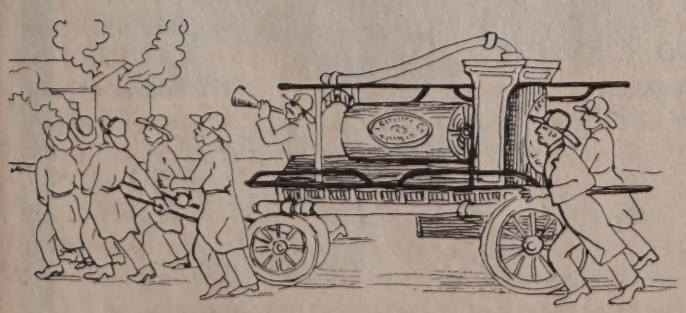
FIRE COMPANY NEWS

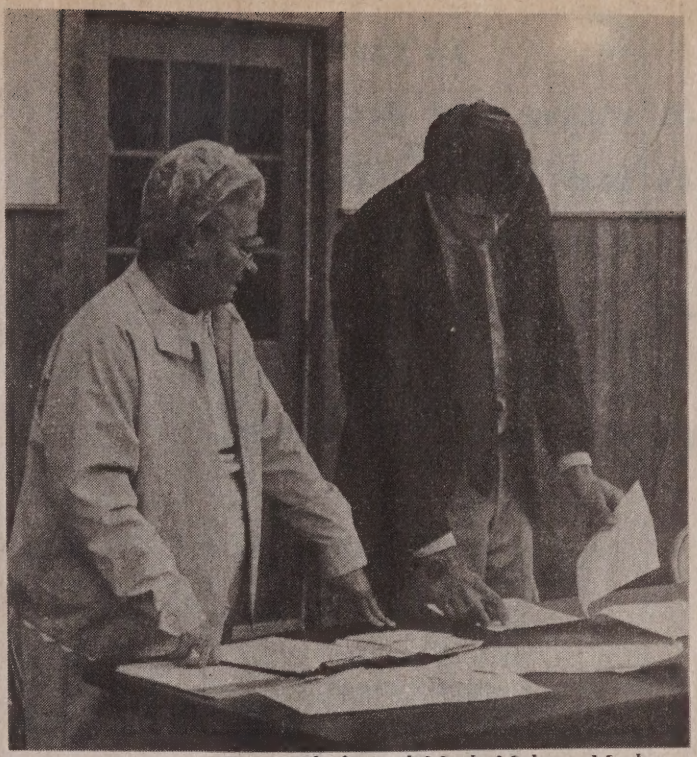
The Fire Company responded to several calls last month, including an accident, an emergency medical call, and a chimney fire. The accident occurred opposite the fire house at about 4:00 a.m. one Sunday morning. It resulted in a damaged utility pole and some minor injuries. Later that morning we responded to a call for oxygen. We also responded to a chimney fire which fortunately required no action.

A Fire Academy representative came and gave a presentation on the courses currently offered by the academy. Suggestions were made by members of the Fire Company to vary the courses offered, vary the locations where they are offered, and to offer more advanced material. Representatives of our company, and in some cases the whole department, have attended some of these courses in the past.

Please be careful this time of year. Now that the holiday season is here, remember the danger from improperly used candles and electric lights. Play it safe and use common sense.

— Mark Makuc





Suzanne MacIver, Town Clerk, and Mark Makuc, Moderator, prepare to open the town meeting on by-law changes affecting multiple and lakeside housing, October 30, 1985

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In Winter

Oh winter wind outspoken,

At last when a life is broken,

Will you play it a funeral dirge;

And then like a demiurge

Cast away the pall of life?

Finally an end to strife.

Snowflakes, Souls

I don't know how
you see,
even the simplest
symbol or design.
How then can I begin—
to begin to know,
how you hear
the words that Hum
from my heartspring?

— Steve Maye

Driving in a winter rut

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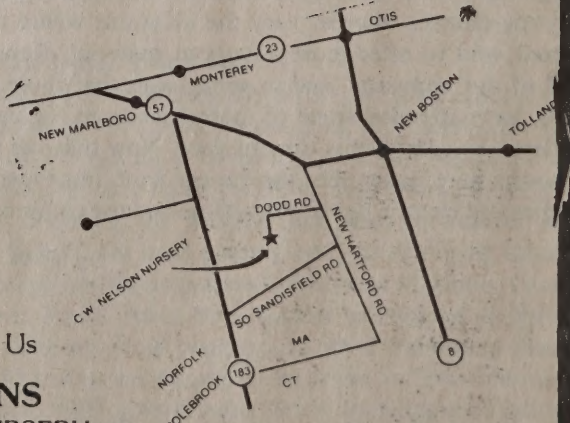

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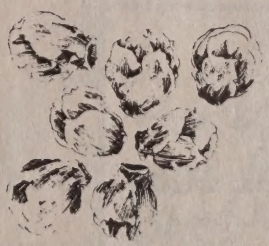

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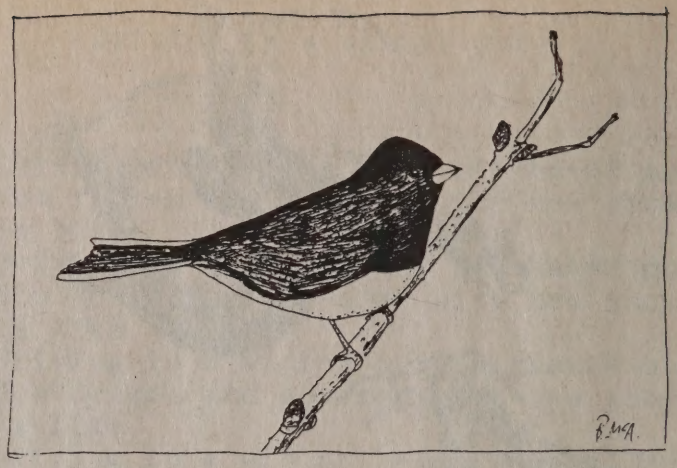


I HAD LEARNED THE FUTILITY OF CONTENTION BEFORE MY LAST TRUMPET HAD SOUNDED.
- THE OCTOGENARIAN PLATO

WHEN we look into the long avenue of the future and see the good there is for each one of us to do we realize after all what a beautiful thing it is to work and to live and be happy

STEVENSON

LOCAL LORE (cont'd)

JUNCOS, THE SNOWBIRDS

There is always a period of days, or weeks, in November, when the season seems to stand still. We are left gasping after the bright drama of October and need this time to rest our senses before we get the actual miracle of winter and the great white blanket. After autumn's flash and the last long tease of bright Indian summer, the November woods can look grey, even gloomy. But one's eyes get adjusted to the subtle understated look, a quality the Japanese call *shibui*, and the new colors of the woods emerge: the handsome grey-green of lichens on oak bark, the blush of color in birch twigs already promising another spring.

Flocks of geese have stirred our souls these past weeks, wheeling south with a strength and grace not yet mastered by any inanimate jets or planes. They call to each other through low clouds, lay over a few days for storms, and then leave us behind, tied to our house and communities without wings to fly.

I get lonely watching the great geese leave, but about this time my senses focus down and there right in front of me are the jolly little flocks of snowbirds. At first they seem like gray leaves come to life, blowing, flitting, twittering under the bare bushes and trees. These are the migratory flocks of juncos, arrived from breeding grounds farther north, and they will be with us all winter, sociable, noisy, handsome in a *shibui* way.

In real winter cold and snow we get lots of juncos in the feeder by our kitchen window. At that time the little omnivores switch over to a diet mostly of seeds. But now it is chickadees, nuthatches, titmice, and various finches (and one perennial red squirrel who first showed up on a Christmas day—we named him Jesus) squabbling with the grosbeaks in the feeder. The juncos are still on the ground scritching in the leaves like teeny grey chickens as they get their last meal of bugs, beetles, leafhoppers, spiders, lacewings, and wasps. They are beginning a season of metabolic rest during which they can apply all their caloric intake to keeping warm and active during the winter. No extra demands will be made upon their systems until April when the longer days stimulate their gonads to grow, ready for spring mating, and they build up fat reserves to see them through their spring migration back to northern breeding grounds.

Local Lore Cont'd.

Here in the Berkshires we have juncos all year round. The migratory flocks will leave us, but there are some resident flocks, which do not feel the seasonal urge to migrate. These, too, will respond to the longer days of April with a surge of gonadal development, but they do not build up fat reserves the way the migrants do. They nest usually on the ground or in a rocky crevice, or occasionally under the eave of a low building, making their nests of grass, roots, and shreds of bark. One year we had a junco nesting in a billow of mulch hay in our garden, next to the popcorn patch. It was one of our first garden years, and that upper corner was the poorest spot we had; it didn't grow weeds (nor much popcorn, either). Since we didn't need to weed the patch, we were able to keep away from the junco's nest, and she raised up a brood of babies, undisturbed by our daily coming and goings.

Many people with a passing interest in birds know a cardinal, a blue jay, a sparrow but have never heard of or noticed a junco. It is called a snowbird because it comes with the first snow flurries and then hops about in the snow all winter, eating seeds which land lightly on the surface and leaving delicate tracks and wing tracings. Edward Howe Forbush, great ornithologist of the early 1900s, watched juncos taking baths in the snow the way some birds bathe in puddles or in dust. He has described the junco as "leaden skies above, snow below," and it is this contrast which is their most vivid field marking, or visual characteristic.

Juncos are five to six-and-a-half inches long, a bit fatter and longer than a chickadee, with white underparts: lower breast, belly and crissum (the crissum is the area just under a bird's tail, surrounding its cloaca or vent; in nuthatches and ptarmigan it is a lovely reddish-brown). The junco's uppers vary quite a bit in color, depending upon the age and sex of the individual. They may be very dark, almost black, making a handsome contrast with the white breast and looking quite hooded. They may be pale grey or even brown with darker and lighter bits like a sparrow.

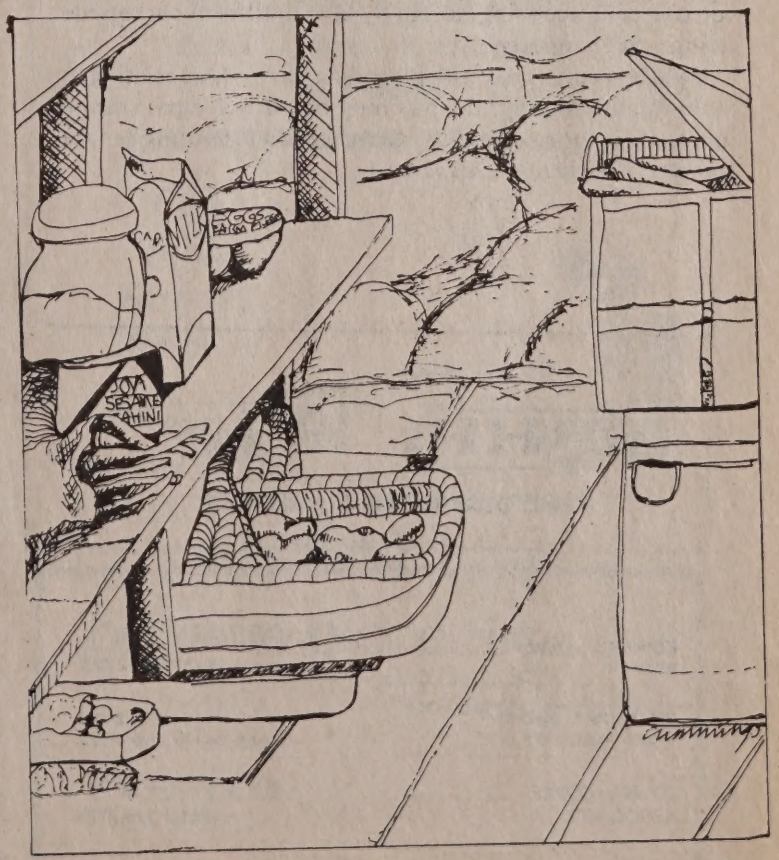
The junco's bill is always pinkish and his legs dark brown. The feathers on the side edges of his dark tail are white, and he flashes them constantly. Sometimes they seem connected to his hopping and chipping mechanisms, like three functions on a wind-up toy.

Until recently, taxonomists identified three North American species of juncos, slightly different in coloring, and different in geographical range. But even the dusty Latin taxonomies get taken out for airing now and then, and recently the three kinds of juncos got reorganized and put in one file, under one name. In taxonomy this is called "lumping," and the reason it happened to the juncos is that wherever the three kinds overlap in their range they interbreed, creating confusing hybrids and a need for new names and new files. Lumpers believe life is simpler now that we have one name, the dark-eyed junco, for all three. But plenty of old-school birders and scientists still speak of the Oregon junco, the slate-sided, and the white winged.

Whatever you want to call them, the little birds are here, in their gregarious flocks, groups which stay together sometimes for years. They keep in constant communication with each other, twittering, trilling and flashing their white tail edges like semaphores. Thoreau, always fine-tuned to nature, wrote often about juncos in his journals:

December 1, 1863. "Slate-colored snowbirds flit before me in the path, feeding on the seeds in the snow, the countless little brown seeds that begin to be scattered over the snow, the countless little brown seeds that begin to be scattered over the snow, so much more obvious to bird and beast. A hundred kinds of indigenous grain are harvested now, broadcast upon the surface of the snow. Thus at a critical season these seeds are shaken down on to a clean white napkin, unmixed with dirt and rubbish, and off this the little pensioners pick them. Their clean table is thus spread a few inches or feet above the ground. Will wonder become extinct in me? Shall I become insensible as a fungus?"

— Bonner J. McAllester



SELECTMEN'S NEWS

Mr. Kessler returned to the selectmen's fold this month, fit and invigorated from his trip overseas.

Permits were granted for several wells, three buildings and a driveway.

The annual drawdown of Lake Garfield was officially ordered.

Fred Vorck was appointed as Auditor to replace Virgil Stucker. Donald Amstead Jr. tendered his resignation as Building Inspector, expressing hope that a replacement for that position might be found by the first of the year.

A tax classification meeting was scheduled for December 2.

Bill Mielke addressed the board on behalf of the Landowners' Association. He emphasized the importance of heightened pulic attention during hunting season to the regulations governing road use and trespassing.

The selectmen received a letter commending the fine police work conducted by our chief, Douglas Lyman. Thieves had raided the home of a part-time resident. The homeowners reported in glowing terms how the Monterey Police Department made it, literally, an open-and-shut case. I believe the MPD is something in which most of us have an interest; look for more info and maybe some pics next month.

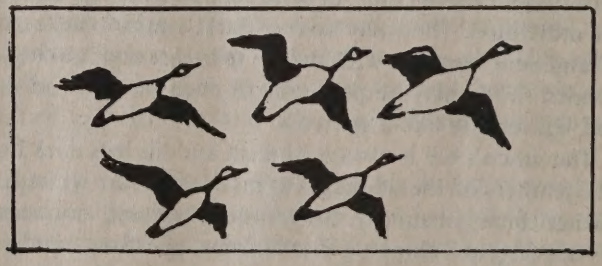
— Timothy Freeman

The Podium's FALL GUY - A POLITICIAN TAKING HIMSELF SERIOUSLY!

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

One vote left the proposed by-law amendments out in the cold. At the last special town meeting, Monterey citizens voted to continue using current by-laws until more acceptable changes are proposed.

If you are concerned with amending our by-laws relating to multi-family housing, the planning board welcomes sincere input. *(See notice of public planning board meeting set for January elsewhere in this issue.)*



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MONTEREY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Water Company

An abundant supply of clean, pure water was most important in the selection of a building site for a home in the early days of our town.

Such a supply was found on the land of Delmor Tryon and several families banded together to use this spring. As new families arrived and requested connection to the water supply it became necessary to establish some rules and restrictions.

In 1917 a bill was introduced to incorporate the Monterey Water Company for "the purpose of supplying the inhabitants of the Town of Monterey with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic and other purposes."

The new water company would purchase and operate the water supply plant by issuing capital stock of the corporation. The stock of said corporation was not to exceed ten thousand dollars and was divided into shares of one hundred dollars each. The corporation might acquire and distribute water from other sources provided it had the approval of the state board of health.

The original corporators were Jasper Bills, Charles Gregory, Elmer Kinne, John Burke, Clarence Kinne, Mary Whitney, Delmor Tryon and Henry Langhaar.

New names have been added to the corporation since 1917, and additional water sources have become available, but the village is still furnished with pure, clean water.

— Sally Fijux

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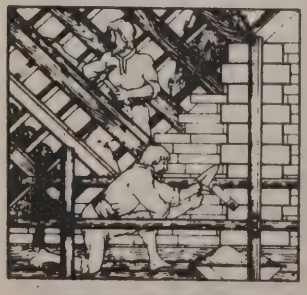

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INDIAN NOTES

Monument Mountain

"I will go and jump of Maswasehi!" This was sometimes said among the Mahicans of Stockbridge on occasions of great grief, referring to their most dramatic mountain, "Upright Nesting Place." The saying gave rise to the romantic tale of a beautiful Indian maiden who, frustrated in love, decked herself with flowers and leapt to her death from the steepest crag of Monument Mountain. She was buried at the spot where she died, the story goes, and the grave was marked by the Indians with a stone cairn. Everyone who passed that way would add a stone to the monument, hence the English name for the mountain. William Cullen Bryant's poem, "Monument Mountain," written in 1824, gave the story worldwide currency and drew the fire of Mark Twain's caustic wit. Not a town in America, said the humorist, had a rocky eminence more than a few feet high but some Indian princess had jumped to her doom from it. In this way the town got a "legend" and at the same time satisfied a national craving for a love-lost Indian maiden perishing by precipitation.

In 1735, Captain Konkapot informed an English friend that the first sachem to have died after the Mahicans moved here from the Hudson Valley was buried under the monument. He also said that the Mohawks granted to the Mahicans hunting rights to all the lands within a day's travel in any direction from that spot. A year before, when the missionary, John Sergeant, first passed that way he made this record in his diary:

"There is a large heap of stones, I suppose ten cart loads, in the way to Wnahtukuk ("head of the stream," Stockbridge), which the Indians have thrown together as they passed the place, for it us'd to be their custom every time anyone passed by, to throw a stone to it. But what was the end of it they cannot tell: only they say their Fathers us'd to do so and they do it because it was the custom of their fathers. But Ebenezer (Puputuk) says, he supposes it was designed to be an expression of their gratitude to the Supreme Being, that He preserved them to see the place again."

The monument has been described as being "some six or eight feet in diameter, circular at its base, and raised in the form of an obtuse cone." In the 1840s it was dismantled by vandals, who dug under the site, apparently for treasure. When C. W. Taylor wrote his *History of Great Barrington* in 1882, the stones had been reassembled in a circle at the site of the original monument, and two years later, on Mr. Taylor's initiative, a good part of the monument was raised again.

— David P. McAllester

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CHESS CLUB HOLDS TOURNAMENT

The Southern Berkshire Chess Club recently concluded a four-round Swiss tournament. Ten players participated, and first place was won by Jon Green, of Gould Farm, with a record of three wins and one draw. The final standings were:

1. Jon Green	2—2	6. John Walters	3½—½
2. Eric Jensen	1—3	7. Adrian Costa	3—1
3. Ron Boyle	1—3	8. Zip Zantay	3—1
4. Nick Nagykery	1—3	9. Jonathan Bayman	3—1
5. Victor Lucek	½—3½	10. Andre Rahoczy	2—2

The chess club is newly formed and meets at Gould Farm on Monday nights starting at 7:30 p.m. New members—beginners and experienced—are invited to join. Further information may be obtained by calling 528-2909.

RUSSIAN STUDENTS TOUR MONTEREY

Seven students of the Thorez Institute of Foreign Languages in Moscow visited Monterey November 23. They are attending SUNY in Albany on a three-month exchange program sponsored by the United States and Soviet Departments of State.

The students, all men, their advisor, Galina Boldina, and two student drivers had conversations with reporters and interested residents at Gould Farm, toured Rawson Brook Farm and Joyous Spring Pottery, and visited the Weitz home on Tyringham Road.

Susan McAllester, who with Bernard Kleban had arranged the students' itinerary, invited them all to her home for dinner Saturday evening. There they ate good old American meatloaf, squash, kale and cornbread and manfully stuffed down apple crisp, explaining that "we ate three lunches today already." Monterey residents and others invited to meet the students included Bernie Kleban and Helen Sheingold, Joe Baker and Bonner McAllester and their daughter, Sudi, Ellen Pearson, Ann McGinley, Rose Tannenbaum and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Landy of Stephentown, New York. After dinner everybody moved on to the Sheffield Grange for a few hours of contra dancing.

The students were uniformly polite, articulate and graceful dancers. Everyone who met them enjoyed the time spent with them.

Russian students watch (headless) Michael Marcus knead clay at Joyous Spring Pottery

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CALENDAR

Contra and Square Dance Schedule

Saturday, December 14—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults, $3.50; children, $1.00 to dance until intermission. Information: (413) 528-9385 or (518) 329-7578.

Saturday, December 28—No dance held.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Judith Freeman and Jane Walsh will co-chair the holiday Community Dinner on December 11 in the church basement at 6:30 p.m. Bonner McAllester is in charge of the program. Come prepared to sing, and bring a casserole, a salad, or a dessert.

PERSONALS

On November 13 a group of 16 Mount Everett Regional School students were inducted into the National Honor Society. One of them was Monterey's own **Janet Thieriot**. Also attending the ceremony were Honor Society secretary **Michelle Grotz** and her father, **Stefan Grotz**. Mr. Grotz addressed the audience of more than 200.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Where are you? Don't be shy of us, your loyal readers and writers. We are lonely without you and need your leadership, or at least your phone number and address so we can mail in our stories and phone in our excuses. You will find us open-minded, appreciative, and occasionally even helpful as you settle in to your new job at the *News*, which you will have taken for the fun, the fame, and the glory of newspaper work. (You will not have taken it for the money, though it has been pointed out that a really efficient editor could make up to $25/hour on this job, if she or he could get the hours down to one per month.)

We have an Editor Search Committee which stands ready to receive you with open arms. Please, dive right in and send us your name, address, phone number, and wildest dreams for this paper. Anyone whose interest flickers but whose typewriter is in the repair shop should call me, or Ellen Pearson (518-325-5569), Marie Thompson (528-1988), Susan McAllester (528-1847), or Ann McGinley (528-3745). We are the Editor Search Committee; we are searching for you!

— Bonner McAllester (528-9385)

RESULTS OF SMALL FARMS DAY

According to the Berkshire County Extension Service, the November 1 and 2 Farm Tour, Medard Gabel Presentation, and Small Farms Day attracted a total of over 375 people and is considered by the Extension Service to have been a "totally successful" weekend.

Ronald J. Kujawski, Regional Community Resource Development Specialist, and Cathy Roth, Extension Home Economist, write, "The staff of the Berkshire County Extension would like to thank you individually for contributing your [the *Monterey News*] part to the excellen countywide coverage and for exposing these concepts to a broader public.

"The response from area newspapers and radio stations confirmed Extension's inclination to devote so much time and energy to this issue. Obviously the need is there. We are happy to join with you in educating the public about it."

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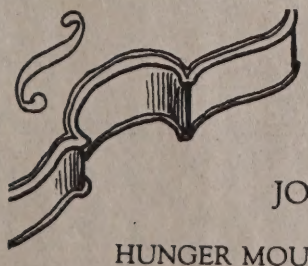

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